ZS4 Sprint
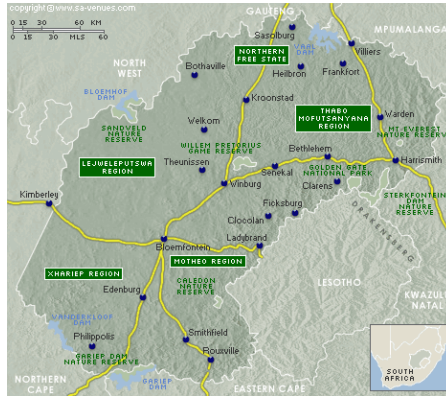
This is a fun activity to promote contacts between radio amateurs in the Free State and radio amateurs in Southern African countries. The Sprint takes place on Sunday 8 June from 14:00 to 15:00 UTC with phone activity on 7 130 – 7 190 kHz and CW activity on 7 000 – 7 040 kHz.

The exchange for ZS4 stations is a RS (T) report and the town name or abbreviation. For other stations the exchange is a RS(T) report and provincial or country abbreviation. Scoring for ZS4 stations - Contacts with stations in ZS4 are worth 1 point and contacts with stations in other ZS call areas or Southern African countries are worth 2 points. Scoring for all other stations - Contacts with stations in ZS4 are worth 2 points and contacts with stations in own or other ZS call areas (excluding ZS4) or Southern African countries are worth 1 point. Contacts with the Bloemfontein ARC, ZS4BFN, Vrystaat Radioklub, ZS4B, Welkom Radio Club, ZS4WRC, and the Sasolburg ARC, ZS4SRK, are worth 5 points each, only one contact per station is allowed

Log sheets shall be submitted by 16 June 2014 to zs4srk@gmail.com. A certificate will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the competition.
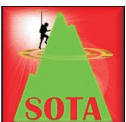
Latest Clublog Most Wanted List

This item comes from the DX Coffee web site. The latest Clublog Most Wanted List – shows Navassa at the top of the Global list. If you look at the % Users column – you will see that the ranking is so close it's insignificant. For example, #1 and #2 are so close as are #3 and #4, etc . . . And I had been told that Clublog is heavily "weighted" by EU log uploads, but that was a few years back – I will bet it now has more NA logs (and other continents) to make its sample fairly reasonable. The only thing that would be more accurate for me – would be a LOTW online Most Wanted report – because I ONLY care about DXCC HR #1.

Amsterdam will no doubt sink way down this list since Clublog relies on confirmed QSO's to calculate need – and FT5ZM still hasn't "percolated" through the Clublog system with everyone who uploads showing that they have FT5ZM confirmed. Some of the entities seem strange – like slots 9, 10 and 11. They don't seem right to be that high on the list – but I simply don't know the data load sample and calculation.

The biggest surprise for me is that Kingman Reef has really shot up most of the Most Wanted Lists, and this is GREAT news, because once in the Top 10 – there will be more discussion and debate about whether an entity will be activated or not. As I've said before – I'd love to see Kingman Reef activated, but know that it

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*Have **YOU** done anything today to Promote **Amateur Radio?***

May
1 - Worker's Day
2 - School holiday
4 - ZS3 Sprint
10 and 11 - AWA AM and SSB Contest
11 - Mother's Day
15 - May Radio Amateur Examination
16 to 18 - Dayton Hamvention
24 - SA AMSAT Symposium
24 and 25 - CQ WPX CW Contest; Day of the YLs
25 - SARL Digital Contest
29 - Ascension Day

June
1 - Comrades Marathon
5 - 80th birthday of my Mother-in-law; World Environmental Day
8 - ZS4 Sprint; World Oceans Day; Pentecost
15 - Father's Day
16 - Youth Day
17 - World QRP Day
19 to 22 - SARL Top Band QSO Party
21 - Radio Technology in Action in Durban
27 - Schools close
27 to 29 - Ham Radio 2014 in Friedrichshafen, Germany
28 - Start of Ramadan

Current Summits-on-the-Air (SOTA) activities are announced at www.sotawatch.org
And more SOTA information can be found at www.sota.org.uk and www.zs4bfn.co.za/sota.asp

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won't be activated, and frustratingly, the DXAC and ARRL probably won't delete it – at least that's the impression I got at the Visalia IDXC this year. But there it is – like a shining beacon on the Top 10 list for everyone to muse and ponder . . . .

1st Navassa Island, KP1 - 96,97%
2nd North Korea, P5 - 96,53%
3rd Bouvet Island, 3Y/B - 95,62%
4th South Sandwich Islands, VP8S - 95,53%
5th Crozet Island, FT5W - 95,35%
6th Heard Island, VK0H - 95,25%
7th Kingman Reef, KH5K - 95,04%
8th Tromelin Island, FR/T - 94,80%
9th Juan de Nove, Europa, FR/J - 94,75%
10th Palmyra & Jarvis Islands, KH5 - 94,53%
11th South Georgia Island, VP8G - 94,35%
12th Baker Howland Islands, KH1 - 94,15%
13th Amsterdam and St Paul Islands, FT5Z - 93,93%
14th Pratas Island, BV9P - 93,69%
15th Scarborough Reef, BS7H - 93,57%

QRZ.com Changes

Some changes have taken place on QRZ.com.

The call sign database now fully supports secondary call signs, i.e. ones that include a slash plus a modifier as either a prefix or a suffix to the primary call. This feature is available to all QRZ users and can be accessed by simply editing your call sign, or by using the My Account choice from the main QRZ menu.

Users had asked for Logbook of the World integration and this is now available to all Logbook subscribers. It means that if you're a Logbook of the World user you can send your QRZ logs directly to Logbook of the World with just a couple of clicks of your mouse.

A Quick Start Guide for QRZ LoTW operations is available by typing LoTW Certificate Import Quick Start Guide into your favourite search engine.

The 2013 Best Communication Award

Press Release [edited]: TX5K gets the 2013 Best Communication Award - Our award goes to TX5K, the DXpedition to Clipperton Island, for the large amount of information given before, during and after the operation on the official website www.tx5k.org and the related blog http://ky6r.com.

The information provided is extremely complete and range on several matters, from the documents describing the project http://cordell.org/CI/CI_pages/CI_Documents.html, the equipment, the pilots and the photo gallery. In particular, the very detailed information that had been reported on the blog letting the readers experience every facet of the DXpedition: from navigation to landing, from the environmental issues to the radio related questions, such as propagation conditions, operating methods for QSOs, operators shifts, etc., and everything has been combined by several photos and videos. Congratulations to the team leader Robert Schmieder, KK6EK, and the "Social Media" supervisor, Rich Holoch, KY6R, for constantly keeping the DXer community informed with press releases.

Many other DXpeditions have made a very good job as far as communication is concerned and they deserve some acknowledgement. We had to limit ourselves to three "special mentions", even though many other DXpeditions would have deserved to be appointed. The choice was not easy, but our preference goes to IA0MZ – Antartica – www.ia0mz.antartica;

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5W0M – Western Samoa – www.5w0m.hkmann.de and VK9CZ - Cocos Keeling Islands - www.vk9cz.com

Special thanks to DX University for their support in realizing this Award. DX University™. A Guide for DXers and DXpeditionners www.dxuniversity.com

African Mainland

Ghana, 9G. Arno, DL1CW, is once again active as 9G5ZZ from Cape Coast until 1 June. Activity will be CW only on 40 to 10 meters, possibly some 80 m too, but no antenna for Top Band. Arno says, "Small chance of making RTTY, but if, then please be patient with me since I do not have RTTY-Pile-Up experiences at all. I will NOT have a microphone with me - so, no SSB!" He will be an entry in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest as a Single-Op/All-Band category. QSL via DL1CW, direct (see QRZ.com) or by the Bureau. No LoTW or eQSL. ClubLog will be used. http://www.bjoern-schulz-stiftung.de/

Malawi, 7Q. Kenneth, LA7GIA, is expected on the air as 7Q7GIA from Lilongwe from 31 May to 8 June on 40 to 10 m using CW and SSB with a vertical and wire antennas. QSL via LA7GIA.

Burkina Faso. Harald, DF2WO, will once again be active as XT2AW from Ouagadougou between 17 November and 2 December. Activity will be holiday style on CW and SSB. QSL via M0OXO.

The ILLW set for another good year

The International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend list continues to grow, with it being recently joined by the Falkland Islands, Faroe Islands, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Norway and Switzerland.
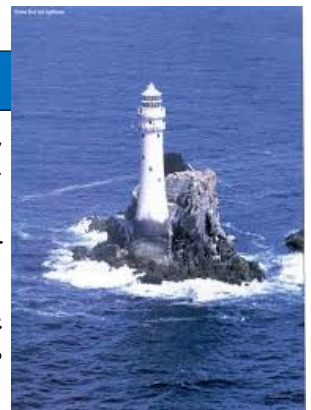
Nearly 270 in 33 countries have already committed to this premier fun-event held on the third full weekend in August for the past two decades.

Registrations are from Asia, Europe, Africa, Southeast Asia, Oceania and the America's - in fact many countries that relied on this form of coastal navigation for the safe passage of ships.

The event aims to raise public awareness of the need to preserve marine beacons and promote Amateur Radio. An enjoyable time is had by those who mount portable stations on that weekend. Some have special QSL cards available for contacts.

In Australia, VK5BWR Point Lowly is the 100th entry, followed by Spain EA1/DK6EA activating the Faro de Cabo de Silleiro lighthouse as number 200. Who will be this year's prestigious 300th registration?

To learn more about this fun-event that has easy guidelines, see past activation reports, or to register for the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend on 16 and 17 August the 16th and 17th, visit the website illw.net

HF Propagation article now available

Practical Wireless Editor Don Field, G3XTT, took part in the RSGB Commonwealth Contest and used it as a basis for explaining the basics of HF propagation. Practical Wireless have given permission for the article *"The Basics of HF Propagation"* to be made available on the Commonwealth Contest website at http://www.beru.org.uk/Propagation/HF%20Propagation%20PW.pdf. The Commonwealth Contest website is at http://www.beru.org.uk/

Ham radio features in ITU climate report

An ITU report includes amateur radio in its list of recommendations to mitigate against the effects of a changing climate.

The Earth's climate is naturally variable and has changed dramatically over millions of years.

Angelica Valeria Ospina (University of Manchester), David Faulkner and Keith Dickerson (Climate Associates Ltd) with support from Cristina Bueti (ITU) have produced a report that explores the impacts of a

changing climate on the information and communication technology (ICT) sector and the potential for adaptation, including the need for new standards to be developed.

The report's full list of mitigation recommendations mentions amateur radio saying, *Assess, develop, and expand alternative telecommunication technologies if they promise to increase redundancy and/or reliability, including free-space optics (which transmits data with light rather than physical connections), power line communications (which transmits data over electric power lines), satellite phones, and ham radio.*

The report fails to recognize the fact that polluting Power Line Communications Technology (PLT / PLC) can destroy the communications capability of amateur radio.

Read Resilient pathways: The adaptation of the ICT sector to climate change
http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/climatechange/Documents/Publications/Resilient_Pathways-E.PDF

2014 Ham Radio

Ham Radio 2014 and the 63rd Lake Constance Conference will be held from Friday 27 June to Sunday 29 June at the Messe in Friedrichshafen. A Makers World will also be held at the Messe on 28 and 29 June.

Below is a list of the various lectures and meetings that will take place during Ham Radio. This excludes the two huge halls for the flea market and the huge hall full of new equipment, society stalls, special groups stalls, the restuarants and the beer garden.

Friday 27 June
08:00 - 10:00 Exhibition grounds - Arrival Contest, Franz Berndt, DL9GFB
10:00 Conference Center West, Room Österreich – Opening – For invited guests only
10:30 Hall A2, room 2 - AATIS Teachers Education Program, Prof. Dr. Roman Dengler, DK6CN and Wolfgang Lipps, DL4OAD
11:00 Hall A2, room 2 - Ways to Homebrewing - Different Aspects, Prof. Dr. Roman Dengler, DK6CN
11:30 Hall A2, room 2 - Clima-Check: Collecting Data for Quasi-Analogue Display, Dr.-Ing. Karsten Hansky, DL3HRT
12:00 Conference Center West, Room Schwarzwald - AGCW-DL - Answers by the Board, Wolfgang Borschel, DK2DO
12:00 Conference Center West, Room Österreich - ATV-Repeaters: Experiences and Trends, Pierre-André Probst, HB9AZN and Michel Burnand, HB9DUG
12:00 Conference Center East, Room Berlin and Paris - Contest-University (CTU), Michael Höding, DL6MHW
12:00 Room A, Conference rooms, Administration - Informal EMC-WG-Meeting, Chris Verholt, OZ8CY

12:15 Hall A2, room 2 - Evolution of LED-Drivers, Gerrit Buhe, DL9GFA
14:00 Conference Center West, Room Liechtenstein - Frequency Management of DARC - HF topics of next IARU Region 1 Conference Varna/Bulgaria, Ulrich Müller, DK4VW
14:00 Conference Center West, Room Schweiz - SOTA - Climb & HAM extreme - Experiences and Tricks, Emil Kostadinov, DL8JJ
14:00 Hall A2, Room 1 - Software Defined Radio - Overview and Recent Developments, Klaus Lohmann, DK7XL and Greg Jurrens, K5GJ
14:15 Hall A2, room 2 - MultiClock - Build your own Facinating Clock, Ulrich Pöggel, DL5OAU
15:00 Hall A2, room 2 - Help in Practical Homebrewing, Andreas Auerswald, DL5CN
16:00 - Conference Center West, Room Liechtenstein - Informal IARU-Meeting, Jörg Jährig, DJ3HW
16:00 Conference Center East, Room London - Meeting of Interested Parties in Youth and Education Work, Annette Coenen, DL6SAK and Erhard Blersch, DB2TU
16:00 Conference Center West, Room Österreich - The ENIGMA and Other Famous Cipher Machines - Part II, Prof. Tom Perera, W1TP

Saturday 28 June
09:30 Conference Center East, Room Paris - German DX-Foundation, General Meeting, Franz

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Langner, DJ9ZB

10:00 Conference Center West, Room Liechtenstein - Considerations on 12V MOSFET HF-Amps, Andreas Auerswald, DL5CN

10:00 Hall A2, room 2 - D-STAR - Technology and Practical Use, Reiner Will, DH9FAX

10:00 Conference Center East, Room London - Emergency communications university (Lectures in German), Michael Becker, DJ9OZ

10:00 Conference Center West, Room Österreich - Experiments with Sound Cards - Explore noisy Resistors and Shift Registers, Prof. Dr. Thomas Baier, DG8SAQ

10:00 Conference Center West, Room Schwarzwald - IARU R1 International Youth Meeting, Annette Coenen, DL6SAK and Lisa Leenders, PA2LS

10:00 Conference Center West, Room Schweiz - Monitoring Practice, Peter Jost, HB9CET - USKA Bandwacht

10:00 Conference Center West, Room Schweiz - Monitoring Service 2013/2014, Wolfgang Hadel, DK2OM

10:00 Hall A2, Room 1 - RSGB-IOTA-Forum "50 Years IOTA", Roger Balister, G3KMA / RSGB

10:00 Conference Center East, Room Berlin - Raspberry Pi Jam – during the Maker World, Franzis Verlag

10:00 Hall B1 - UKW-QSO-Party and DOK-Meeting, Karl-Maria Heimberg, DD4NC

10:00 Room A, Conference rooms, Administration - US Licence Test, Mitch Wolfson, DJ0QN

10:30 Introduction to passive Radar Systems, Stefan Hänggi, HB9ZEM

12:00 Hall A2, Room 1 – Contest forum, Helmut Heinz, DK6WL

12:00 Conference Center West, Room Liechtenstein - HPSDR Workshop - Highlights and Perspectives in Advanced SDR-Technology, Helmut Oeller, DC6NY / Div. Vortragende

12:00 Hall A2, room 2 - Operation using an SDR - Differances to "classic" Operation, Prof. Dr. Harald Gerlach, DL2SAX

12:00 Conference Center West, Room Schweiz - Radio Austria International Listeners' Meeting 1924 - 2014 – 90 Years of Broadcasting and Amateur Radio in Austria, Wolf Harranth, OE1WHC

12:00 Conference Center West, Room Schwarzwald - The Radio Antennae and her Effect - a Adventure?, Prof. Dr.-Ing. Alexander Neidenoff,

DK4JN, Harro Ames, DL8VQ and Eugen Düpre, DK8VR

12:00 Conference Center West, Room Österreich - The Relationship "dB" in RF-Applications, Ralf Rudersdorfer, OE3RAA

12:00 Conference Center East, Room Paris - VFDB-Members Meeting, Heribert Spießl, DG9RAK

13:00 Conference Center East, Room Rom - German Amateur License Exam Class A and E, Hans Bächle, BNetzA

13:00 Conference Center West, Room Allgäu - Practical Use of Vector Network Analysers, Prof. Dr. Thomas Baier, DG8SAQ

14:00 Conference Center East, Room Paris - DARC-Board, Directors and Members in Dialog, Steffen Schöppe, DL7ATE

14:00 Conference Center East, Room London - DL0SDR-Meeting, Klaus Lohmann, DK7XL and Greg Jurrens, K5GJ

14:00 Hall A2, room 2 - FreeDV - A Tool to make a Digital Voice Transceiver, Prof. Dr.-Ing. Michael Hartje, DK5HH

14:00 Conference Center West, Room Österreich - Golden Rules for a Succesfull & Manufatureable PCB Design, Marc von Stralen, DK4DDS

14:00 Conference Center West, Room Schwarzwald - VHF/UHF/SHF-Commitee informs, Jann Traschewski, DG8NGN

14:00 Bistro Florenz - YL-Meeting, Christiane Rüthing, DL4CR

14:00 Conference Center West, Room Schweiz - Yagi- and Quads for HF, Martin Steyer, DK7ZB

15:00 Hall A2, Room 1 - DX-Forum, Dominik Weiel, DL5EBE

15:00 Conference Center West, Room Schwarzwald - Optical Communcation (Radio by Light), Klaus Lutsch, DL8SER and Jo Becker, DJ8IL

16:00 Conference Center West, Room Österreich - Design own projects with Arduino-IDE – during the Maker World, Helmut Berka, DL2MAJ

16:00 Conference Center West, Room Schweiz - HAM RADIO and School Curriculum, Carole Perry, WB2MGP

16:00 Hall A2, room 2 - Modern Repeater Control va SvxLink, Speaker: Adi Bier, DL1HRC and Prof. Dr.-Ing. Michael Hartje, DK5HH

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16:00 Conference Center West, Room Liechtenstein - T2FD Antenna - Dummy Load or Best Performer?, Thomas Kamp, DF5JL and Christian Reiber, DL8MDW

16:00 Conference Center West, Room Schwarzwald - The Key to the Noiseless Electronics, Prof. Dr.-Ing. Alexander Neidenoff, DK4JN

16:30 Room A, Conference rooms, Administration - Meeting Terahertz Operation at Lake Constance, Klaus Lutsch, DL8SER and Jo Becker, DJ8IL

Sunday 29 June

08:00 - 12:00 Exhibition grounds - Departure Contest, Achim Schulenburg, DB9PS

10:00 Exhibition grounds – Amateur Radio Direction Finding Competition, Jürgen Ging, DL1YP

10:00 Conference Center West, Room Schweiz - How to get in Contact with Politicians?, Hans-Jürgen Bartels, DL1YFF

10:00 Conference Center West, Room Allgäu - Practical Use of Vector Network Analysers, Prof. Dr. Thomas Baier, DG8SAQ

10:00 Conference Center West, Room Österreich - Swaziland DXpedition - 3DA0ET, Christopher Plummer, G8APB

10:00 Conference Center West, Room Liechtenstein - The Key to the Noiseless Electronics, Prof. Dr.-Ing. Alexander Neidenoff, DK4JN

12:00 Conference Center West, Room Liechtenstein - JOTA a Opportunities for Scouts and Radio Amateurs, Stefan Mallepell, HB9EUD and Remko Welling, PE1MEW

Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 26 May to 2 June 2014

SKCC Sprint
00:00 - 02:00 UTC 28 May
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: (none)
Exchange: RST, name, state, province or country and SKCC no or power
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO; Bonus Points: 5 points per Centurion member QSO per band; 10 points per Tribune member QSO per band; 25 points per QSO with SKCC club call (K9SKC) per band
Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 30 May 2014
E-mail log summary to: (none)
Post log summary at: http://www.skccgroup.com/sprint/sks/sks-submit.html
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: http://www.skccgroup.com/sprint/sks/

CWops Mini-CWT Test
13:00 - 14:00 UTC, 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 28 May and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 29 May
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member: Name and state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each call once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 31 May 2014
Post log summary at: http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: http://www.cwops.org/onair.html

QRP Minimal Art Session
16:00 - 22:00 UTC 29 May
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40 m
Classes: A - TRandRX or TRX consisting of not more than 100 components; B - TX consisting of not more than 50 components, RX as you like; C - TRandRX or TRX consisting of nor more than 100 components, max 1 integrated circuit
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, "/", class and number of components
Score Calculation: (see rules)
Submit logs by: 12 June 2014
E-mail logs to: mas@qrpcc.de
Mail logs to: Peter Haensel, DL6CGC, Hoetenslebener Str. 15, Barneberg, D-39393, Hoetensleben, Germany

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Find rules at: http://www.qrpcc.de/contestrules/mas/qrpmasr-e.html

NCCC RTTY Sprint
02:00 – 02:30 UTC 30 May
Mode: RTTY
Bands: (see rules)
Classes: (none)
Exchange: (see rules)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 1 June 2014
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: http://www.3830scores.com/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: http://www.ncccsprint.com/rttyns.html

NCCC Sprint Ladder
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 30 May

Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20 m
Classes: Single Op
Max power: 100 watts
Exchange: (see rules)
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station
Multipliers: Each US state (including KL7 and KH6) once per band; Each VE province once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 1 June 2014
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: http://www.3830scores.com
Find rules at: http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html

Next Weeks Contests

ARS Spartan Sprint, 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 3 June
CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC, 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 4 June and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 5 June
NRAU 10 m Activity Contest, 17:00 - 18:00 UTC (CW), 18:00 - 19:00 UTC (SSB), 19:00 - 20:00 UTC (FM) and 20:00 - 21:00 UTC (Dig) 5 June
NCCC Sprint Ladder, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 6 June
10-10 International Open Season PSK Contest, 00:00 UTC 7 June to 24:00 UTC 8 June
DigiFest, 04:00 - 12:00 UTC and 20:00 UTC 7 June to 04:00 UTC and 12:00 - 20:00 UTC 8 June
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint, 06:00 – 06:29 UTC, 06:30 – 06:59 UTC, 07:00 – 07:29 UTC and 07:30 -08:00 UTC 7 June
SEANET Contest, 12:00 UTC 7 June to 12:00 UTC 8 June
UKSMG Summer Contest, 13:00 UTC 7 June to 13:00 UTC 8 June
RSGB National Field Day, 15:00 UTC 7 June to 15:00 UTC 8 June
IARU Region 1 CW Field Day, 15:00 UTC 7 June to 14:59 UTC 8 June
Alabama QSO Party, 16:00 UTC 7 June to 04:00 UTC 8 June

DXCC News

Bill Moore, NC1L, the ARRL Awards Branch manager reports that the following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

ZA/IZ4JMA - Albania, the 2013 and 2014 operations
XW7T - Laos, the 2014 Operation

If you have one or both of these rejected in a recent submission please send an e-mail to bmoore@arrl.org to be placed on the list to have your record updated.

Dankie, Tjerk ZS6P

2014 JOTA / JOTI web site

The World JOTA-JOTI Team announced today the official opening of the 2014 JOTA-JOTI website at http://www.world-jotajoti.info. This website is your source of official Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet news, information, and support for your local operation.

The temporary website we used last year, www.jotajoti.tk, will be redirected to the new

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site and updates to this group will be linked to the new web site as well. You do not need to change your settings for receiving these update alerts.

Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet on the third weekend of October is the largest Scouting event in the world, with nearly 1 million Scouts from 160+ countries engaged in conversations across town and around the world. Scouts communicate with one another via amateur radio and the Internet, providing a fun and educational Scouting experience and promoting their sense of belonging to a worldwide Scout Movement.

This year's event is 17, 18 and 19 October with a programme of activities developed at the world level and initiatives developed at local and national levels. All of this is supported by the World Organization of the Scout Movement through the efforts of their World JOTA-JOTI Team.

ADIF County Conversion

Version 5.3 of my ADIF County Conversion tool is now available from http://software.ad1c.us/ADIF_County/

This program takes an ADIF file from a contest logger like WriteLog or N1MM, and converts the contest-specific county abbreviations into real ADIF field values which can be imported into a general-purpose logging program.

Here are the release notes. Ver. 5.3 - 27 May 2014

Removed support for old 3-letter NEQP county abbreviations, some conflicted with the InQP abbreviations (i.e. HANcock)

Added NM and SD QSO parties

Started re-write to use common ADIF parser

Consolidated common code shared with Convert ADIF to DX4WIN

Please let me know of any problems with the program or documentation.

Jim Reisert AD1C, jjreisert@alum.mit.edu, http://www.ad1c.us

History this Week, week starting 26 May 14

1818 - First steam-vessel to sail Great Lakes launched

1869 - Voting Machine patented by Thomas Edison

1879 - First electric railway opens at Berlin Trades Exposition

1883 - T. A. Edison received a series of patents including the "Manufacture of Incandescing Electric Lamps."

1884 - A patent for "flaked cereal" was applied for by Dr. John Harvey Kellogg.

1896 - First car accident occurs, Henry Wells hit a bicyclist (NYC)

1919 - Oil was struck at England's first inland oilwell at Hardstoft near Tibshelf, in Derbyshire.

1928 - The first U.S. television station WGY began broadcasting regular programs.

1978 – Cpl Dennis Green and Cpl Johan de Bruin get stuck on the beach at Paaltjies, south of Walvis Bay with Ratel ICV R27029. Cpl Green later became ZS4BS